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Subject: Contact Report with CASSOWARY 15 - 8 April 1952

1. ~~X~~ PELENSKY

CASSOWARY 15, on his own initiative, brought up PELENSKY's attacks against ZPUHVR and the United States. Although PELENSKY's articles smack of the communist line, he is, in all probability, not a communist, nor a sympathizer; however, he is an opportunist and a frustrated individual who has travelled from party to party with monotonous regularity. CASSOWARY 15 did not indicate what PELENSKY's ulterior motive was in his recent attacks.

2. American Friends of ABN Information Bulletin

CASSOWARY 15 turned over the first copy of this newspaper and it was evident that he suspected that this newspaper is backed by the U.S., although he did not actually say so. He offered no opinion as to who the backers of this new effort are. (A discussion of this publication is under a separate cover).

3. ~~X~~ CIPERA

CASSOWARY 15 indicated that all of the Ukrainian press is highly perturbed about the CIPERA-GULAY trial. It appears that although the prosecuting attorney asked for a five-year sentence the Judge handed out a 7-year sentence to the offenders. What the Ukrainians cannot understand is why the Americans deviated from the usual in that they took over the trial themselves, whereas all other trials of similar character are generally handled by German courts. Secondly, what is attacked in the press is the fact that it is customary for the Judge to declare a verdict in line with what is asked by the prosecuting attorney, but in this case there was a deviation since the Judge added on an additional 2 years to the maximum sentence requested by the prosecution. Ukrainian publications of all political colorations attack this trial calling it a travesty of justice, a parody, etc.

Recommendation: The undersigned strongly recommends that if at all possible, political pressures should not be applied when this case reaches an Appellate Court, because if this verdict is sustained, America will be considered a more fascistic and totalitarian power

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than any other presently existing, or formerly existing, totalitarian state. Since, until recently, we have been considered the bulwark of democracy, it would appear inexcusable to have this trial on record as an example of our democracy. Although we are prone to consider our democracy lightly at times, there is no reason to disillusion the masses of Europeans who have looked upon the U.S. as a paragon of justice.

4. CASSOWARY 2's Questionnaire

CASSOWARY 15 took a very dim view of having CASSOWARY 2 fill out any "questionnaire". It is apparent that CASSOWARY 15 is distinctly and definitely perturbed about the whole CASSOWARY 2 situation. His main objection was that so much time has been taken in straightening out these proceedings. He also mentioned that in all probability this questionnaire is for no other reason than to fill up our files so that we have volumes and volumes of information about his beloved leader. It was difficult to make him understand that this was required. He is of the opinion that we know everything that there is to know about CASSOWARY 2 and everybody else concerned in the Ukrainian emigration. He may, therefore, suspect that we are using the old Soviet trick of having a man write out his biography and then study that writing in an attempt to find minor inconsistencies in order to break the man. In a word, CASSOWARY 15 is completely unhappy about our relations and one might even add, he is distrustful of our motives. After a long harangue the undersigned feels that CASSOWARY 15 was persuaded, but not convinced, that the questionnaire should be filled out.

5. Attached is a review of significant articles in the Ukrainian press. This is an example of CASSOWARY 15's work. Please note the marked passages since they are indicative of Ukrainian opinion.

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